

## MINUTES

### COUNCIL ON RECYCLING DECEMBER 9, 2003 COMMUNICATION & EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 101 S. WEBSTER MADISON, WISCONSIN

**Council Members Present:** Jeffrey Fielkow; Susan Hundt-Bergan; John Piotrowski; John Reindl; Cecelia Stencil; Charlotte Zieve.

**Council Members Absent:** William Swift

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair John Reindl at 9:35 AM. Reindl welcomed the two new members- John Piotrowski and Cecelia Stencil.

**Setting Priorities:** Reindl asked members to refer to the matrix for the votes of all the members on priorities (attached). Piotrowski added his votes: Computers/electronics; Mercury; Paper; C&D; High volume industrial waste.

Members decided to focus on 3-4 issues. They felt they needed to limit the scope to accomplish anything

**Computers/electronics:** (7 votes out of 7). It is one of the priority issues.

**Mercury:** (6) In response to a question, Reindl said we should focus on mercury products- not power plants. The Council could not do anything about power plants. Members agreed. Susan Hundt-Bergan asked if open burning fit into this issue. Members weren't sure but were willing to look at the possibility. Members agreed that mercury products should be a priority issue.

**Paper:** (5) Jeff Fielkow said we should increase participation in paper recycling. Reindl said that many communities were expanding their collection of mixed paper. Market prices appear to have increased and stabilized. More education/PR needed in this area. Single stream may be an opportunity to get more paper Fielkow said single stream could have great benefits. The Council could take a leadership role in explaining the risks and benefits. It could make a big difference for paper recycling. John Piotrowski said that there is a growing demand for corrugated (occ). International demand is high. There is a need for fiber and a need to educate on the importance of fiber to the economy. He said the lack of fiber has driven the price too high for some US mills. Fielkow said some mills have made the investment in new technology and can add mixed paper to occ. Hundt-Bergan asked if the paper was clean enough for use from single stream. Fielkow said it was and suggested that the Council tour a single stream facility. Members agreed that was a good idea. The market for paper is strong and local. Members agreed that paper should be one of the priority issues.

**Recycling PR** (3) Fielkow said if there is a campaign for 'away from home' recycling there should be a new method of collection. Few businesses are set to recycle that way.

**C&D** (3) Piotrowski said that wood waste from C&D was an important issue. He specifically mentioned revising NR 445 involving air permits as an area to be involved in. He said that DNR staff supported changing the rule to allow more recycling/burning. Hundt-Bergan suggested bringing DNR staff to a Council meeting to discuss the issue. The Council could then make recommendations. Members agreed that C&D should be a priority issue.

Reindl said the members should decide how to approach the issues at the next Council meeting. Task forces or workgroups have been done in the past.

**Public Comment:** None

**Other Business:** The next Council meeting is during the AROW conference on January 21, 2003.

**Adjournment:** Hundt-Bergan, moved, Swift seconded. The Council adjourned at 10:05 AM Respectfully submitted by Daniel B. Fields, Department of Natural Resources.